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CITATION AND NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY

We believe that you violated the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA), as described below.

Date of Violation: July 26, 2014

9 C.F.R. § 2.131(c)(1) Handling of animals. During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public as to assure the safety of animals and the public.

You failed to handle a lion so that there was minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public. You had a 15 year-old family member guide a tour for members of the public, and during the tour a member of the public went into the area between the lion's primary enclosure and the perimeter/barrier fence. She attempted to pet the lion, and it bit off the tip of her middle finger.

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9 C.F.R. § 3.132 Employees. A sufficient number of adequately trained employees shall be utilized to maintain the professionally acceptable level of husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Such practices shall be under a supervisor who has a background in animal care.

You failed to provide a sufficient number of adequately trained employees to maintain acceptable husbandry practices. You had a 15 year-old family member conducting a tour for members of the public. She opened an unlocked gate and entered the area between the primary enclosures and the perimeter/barrier fence of a lion enclosure. A member of the public followed her into the area, reached into the primary enclosure to pet the lion, and was bitten.

The penalty for the alleged violation(s) described above is \$1,950.